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USSR COAL MINISTRY REORGANIZES

The complete text of "95. Confirmation of the Statute Concerning the  
 Ministry of the Coal Industry" follows.

The Council of Ministers decrees:

To confirm the subjoined Statute concerning the Ministry of the Coal  
 Industry.

I. Stalin, Chairman  
 Council of Ministers USSR  
 M. Pomaznev, Director of Affairs  
 Council of Ministers USSR

Moscow, Kremlin  
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Statute Concerning the Ministry of the Coal Industry

1. The Ministry of the Coal Industry is an All-Union ministry in con-  
 formance with Article 77 of the Constitution (Fundamental Law) of the USSR.

2. The Ministry of the Coal Industry, in conformance with Article 75  
 of the Constitution (Fundamental Law) of the USSR, directs enterprises and  
 organizations at the Union level which are engaged in mining, concentrating,  
 and briquetting coal and shale, prospecting coal and shale deposits, planning  
 and constructing coal and shale enterprises, industrial buildings and dwellings,  
 coal machinery building, logging, and other secondary enterprises and organiza-  
 tions connected with the coal industry.

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3. The chief responsibilities with which the Ministry of the Coal Industry is charged are: assuring the development of the coal and shale industries in conformance with plans confirmed by the government, with the aim of fully satisfying requirements of the national economy for coal and shale on the basis of the complete mechanization of production processes; expanding coal machinery building; constructing new mines and other enterprises; creating a permanent body of qualified workers, engineers, and technicians; increasing labor productivity; improving the quality of production, and lowering the costs of production.

4. A Minister heads the Ministry of the Coal Industry. The Minister of the Coal Industry directs all activities of the Ministry and enterprises, establishments, and organizations subordinate to it, in conformance with Article 72 of the Constitution (Fundamental Law) of the USSR.

5. The Minister of the Coal Industry, in conformance with Article 73 of the Constitution (Fundamental Law) of the USSR, issues, within the scope of his authority, orders and instructions on the basis of, and in execution of operative laws, decrees, and regulations of the Government, and checks their execution.

The Minister of the Coal Industry appoints the supervisory workers of the main administrations, administrations, and sections of the Ministry, and organizations and enterprises subordinate to it; organizes enterprises and organizations and, when necessary, changes their subordination according to established procedure; confirms statutes on the main administrations, administrations, and sections of the Ministry, as well as statutes and charters of organizations and enterprises subordinate to the Ministry.

6. The Ministry of the Coal Industry sets up a Collegium consisting of the Minister (chairman), his vice-ministers, and supervisory workers in the Ministry.

The Minister of the Coal Industry submits the names of the members of the Collegium to the Council of Ministers USSR for confirmation.

The Collegium, in its regularly conducted sessions, examines questions of practical administration, checking on execution, and selection of personnel, and examines the most important orders and instructions of the Ministry; listens to reports of the supervisory workers of main administrations, administrations, and sections of the Ministry and organizations and enterprises subordinate to the Ministry.

Decisions of the Collegium are made operative by orders of the Minister.

In the event of a difference of opinion between the Minister and the Collegium, the Minister may carry out his decision, but must notify the Council of Ministers USSR of the difference of opinion; members of the Collegium, in their turn, may appeal to the Council of Ministers USSR.

7. The Ministry of the Coal Industry:

a. Draws up production plans (prospective, yearly and quarterly) and also plans for capital construction, introduction of advanced techniques, complete mechanization and automatization of production processes, marketing (for coal, a plan of the resources), railroad and water transport, and balancing income and expenditures; presents these plans, according to established procedure, for the confirmation of the Council of Ministers USSR and carries out measures for the fulfillment of plans approved by the government;

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- b. Carries out measures to increase labor productivity, to raise the quality of production, to lower the cost of production, construction, estimating and planning, and research work, and to assure profits for enterprises;
- c. Develops and presents, according to established procedure, for the confirmation of the Council of Ministers USSR, designs for new basic machinery and mechanisms intended for series production, as well as proposals for the discontinuation of production of obsolete machinery and mechanisms;
- d. Examines technical plans of enterprises under construction and reconstruction and approves, according to established procedure, plans and estimates for capital construction;
- e. Carries out production and technical supervision of the Ministry's enterprises; introduces new progressive techniques, inventions and technical improvements, mechanization, automatization of production processes, better technological processes, and effective utilization of the means of production; works out standards and technical specifications for products; organizes proper storage of products; works out factory prices and submits them for approval of the Council of Ministers;
- f. Sets up and approves norms for the consumption of materials, fuel, and electric power and introduces and supervises fulfillment of these norms by the enterprises.
- g. Selects supervisory workers, engineers, technicians, and scientists; carries out measures for hiring permanent personnel of the enterprises and construction enterprises of the Ministry, and for the physical well-being and proper utilization of the workers; draws up regulations for payment of wages for workers, engineers, technicians, and employees of the enterprise; presents these regulations for the approval of the Council of Ministers USSR and checks on their execution; directs establishment of technical norms and inspection of work norms (excepting existing inspection of norms created by authorization of the government), and supervises their fulfillment; organizes exchange of production experiences; checks on the execution of labor legislation and safety rules; and directs drawing up of collective contracts and checks on their execution;
- h. Directs socialist competition established to develop creative initiative among workers, engineers, and technicians, to increase labor productivity, fulfillment of the production plan ahead of schedule, improve the quality of products, increase the profits of enterprises, and provide above-plan accumulation of capital;
- i. Sets up and approves rules for exploitation of coal and shale deposits;
- j. Establishes supervision over exploitation of coal and shale deposits of Union importance, and construction of new enterprises;
- k. Organizes and directs mine rescue work in enterprises of the Ministry;
- l. Manages scientific research and educational institutes subordinate to the Ministry and directs the training of economic and technical personnel, as well as workers in the numerically larger and less specialized trades;
- m. Organizes and directs supply of technical equipment to enterprises, organizations, and construction projects of the Ministry, and in particular, organizes logging, lumber milling, and the production of explosives;

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n. Guarantees the prompt continuous supply of coal and shale to the national economy, according to scheduled and regular delivery in conformance with approved government plans, both for quantity and type of product; carries out the sale of coal and shale mined by enterprises of the Ministry of the Coal Industry and of Pechora and imported coal, not permitting a decrease in the stockpile below that established by the government;

o. Makes known the need of the national economy for special varieties and types of coal for industrial purposes (coking, gas-generating, and other coals) and determines the resources for meeting these requirements;

p. Supervises consumers' use of coal and shale for proper purposes; develops and coordinates with the Ministry's consumers the basic conditions of coal and shale delivery, subject to confirmation by the government; determines the general conditions for the sale of coal and shale, which are obligatory also for the enterprises which supply Pechora coal; obtains from the Ministries and departments data on the consumption and reserves of coal and shale in their enterprises; obtains from other departments which mine coal data on mining, reserves, and consumption for their own requirements of coal sold by the Ministry of the Coal Industry; presents an account on the fulfilling of plans for the delivery of coal and shale;

q. Finances the enterprises and organizations subordinate to the Ministry and directs their financial activity;

r. Organizes, directs and supervises the setting up of bookkeeping accounts and records; approves accounts and balance sheets of the main administrations, combines, trusts, and organizations directly subordinate to the Ministry; compiles periodic and yearly composite bookkeeping accounts of all aspects of production and economic activity of the Ministry; audits the accounts of organizations and enterprises of the Ministry;

s. Carries out measures for safeguarding state socialist property in enterprises, institutions, and organizations within the Ministry;

t. Works out the structure of contract relations within the Ministry and supervises the carrying out of economic contracts;

u. Publishes literature on problems of techniques, economics, and organization of production in the coal industry.

8. The structure of the Ministry of the Coal Industry is determined by the Council of Ministers USSR.

9. In order to put outstanding experiences of supervisory and less important personnel and Stakhanovites of the Ministry of the Coal Industry to the best use, its main administrations, combines, trusts, and enterprises hold personnel meetings in which reports of the most important decisions of the Party and the government, and the principal orders of the Ministry are heard and discussed, and also, problems of production and management are discussed through the development of criticism and self-criticism.

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